

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Service

## SIERRA CALIFORNIA

### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,304	56	58	2,984	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	992	56	57	2,878	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	312	56	58	2,945	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	986	54	57	2,549	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	312	44	57	2,040	3,043
Sheep, lambs, and wool	(D)	56	56	2,166	2,787
Hogs and pigs	(D)	54	56	2,893	2,976
Horses and ponies	(D)	57	57	2,986	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,603	53	57	2,546	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	56	56	2,255	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	42	47	1,790	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	54	56	2,956	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	57	57	2,988	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	6,651	53	57	2,428	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	110	55	57	2,836	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	56	56	2,384	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	56	56	2,841	3,002
All goat inventory	(D)	53	54	2,833	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	3,826	43	57	2,447	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	26	53	56	1,769	2,693
Wheat-acres	(D)	41	42	2,532	2,612
All nursery-acres	(D)	58	58	2,424	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	(D)	47	48	1,632	1,965

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	21	25	-16
\$10,000 or more .....	26	28	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,348	1,772	-24
Average per farm .....dollars..	28,672	33,436	-14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(43)	133	-132
Average per farm .....dollars..	(917)	2,516	-136
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	38	45	-16
Partnership or corporation .....	6	6	
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	27	25	8
Other .....	20	28	-29
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	42	45	-7
Female .....	5	8	-38
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	44	52	-15
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	56.1	52.0	8

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.